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For: **SPELLING CORRECTION SYSTEM AND METHOD
FOR PHRASAL STRINGS USING DICTIONARY LOOPING**

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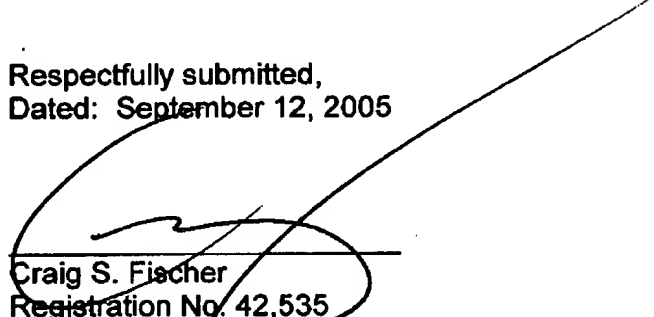
Sir:

A telephonic conversation between Examiner Kyle R. Stork and Craig Fischer occurred on September 12, 2005. Examiner Stork and Mr. Fischer discussed in part the amendment filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 on August 22, 2005. No agreement was reached.

Specifically, Mr. Fischer explained that independent claim 1 was amended to clarify that way the invention assigns cost is different than the cited prior art. The Brill et al. paper and the Birman et al. patent use a "standard edit distance" method to assign costs. On the other hand, the claimed invention uses an "average length-adjusted segment distance" method to assign costs, where longer matches are rewarded and assigned a lower cost. Examiner Stork agreed to take this argument into account when he takes up this case again.

In an effort to expedite and further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicants kindly invite Examiner Stork to telephone the Applicants' attorney at (805) 278-8855 if the Examiner has any comments, questions or concerns, wishes to discuss any aspect of the prosecution of this application, or desires any degree of clarification of this paper.

Respectfully submitted,
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